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Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know whether the hon. Minister is prepared to carry on further correspondence with the Jail department and see whether this cannot be done ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" I shall consider it, Sir."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Is there no jail accommodation in Kudligi ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" No, Sir."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Sub-Jail ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" I do not know, Sir."

Inclusion of spinning in the curriculum of studies for elementary schools.

*174 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state, with reference to the statement made by the Special Officer for Cottage Industries at page 2 of his report regarding Kurnool district, that " as a subsidiary occupation spinning is popular with the Kapus and the Malas," whether the Government have considered the advisability of introducing spinning as a subject of immediate study into all elementary schools in the district, more especially into elementary schools for girls ?

A.—The teaching of spinning in elementary schools is already provided for in the rules issued under the Madras Elementary Education Act, 1920. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to note (5) to clause (*b*) of the rules framed under section 3 (v) of the Act. The Government do not consider that any further action is needed.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I ask the Government whether they are prepared to introduce spinning in elementary schools in which Kapus and Malas are reading without restriction of time ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Mr. President, Sir, I should like to answer supplementary questions as this question refers to elementary schools."

The hon. the President :—" When the answer is to be made by a Minister other than the one to whom the question is addressed, intimation used to be sent to the Secretary to the Council who would make the necessary alterations. I think the hon. Ministers will do well to advise their Secretaries to follow this procedure so that there may not be any confusion in the House."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I request you to permit me to put the question to the hon. Minister for Education ? "

The hon. the President :—" As a special case."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I ask the hon. Minister for Education whether he is prepared to introduce spinning in the elementary schools in which Kapus and Malas are reading throughout the week without restricting it to four hours a week ? "

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The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Mr. President, Sir, the hon. Member is aware that elementary schools in this province except those under Government for training purposes are managed either by aided bodies or local self-governing institutions. It will not be possible for the Government to say that they will do this, because it is a matter entirely under the control of the local bodies and aided institutions. They may do anything provided they do not go against the rules in the Educational Code."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether there is no such rule restricting the hours of spinning to four in a week ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" That is so, Sir. This was arrived at after consulting persons who were greatly interested in the spinning movement. It should not be possible for a teacher to confine the students to spinning work only. That was the reason why this restriction of four hours was laid down and Government think that it is a reasonable one."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know whether weaving also is compulsory in schools teaching spinning ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" No, Sir, the hon. Member evidently has not read the Government Order. Otherwise he would not have put this question."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether he is not prepared to allow spinning to go on for a longer number of hours in schools in which Kapus and Malas are reading ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I shall consider this point, if the local bodies and other aided institutions concerned make out a case for the removal of the restriction."

Tours

Tours by the hon. Minister for Development.

*175 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the number of tours undertaken by him since the 31st March last up to date ;

(b) the districts visited by him ;

(c) the nature and extent of the official work done by him during those tours ;

(d) whether he did any party or propaganda work during those tours ;

(e) whether he paid from his pocket for the expenses of any of these tours ; and

(f) if not, why not ?

A.—(a) Two, one on my way from Madras to Ootacamund and the other from Ootacamund to Madras.

(b) Madura, Trichinopoly and Coimbatore.

(c) *First tour (April 1928)*—

Inspection of the Madura Technical Institute and Veterinary Hospital, Trichinopoly.